

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Amir M. Saffarian

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Group Art Unit: 2876

Examiner: Jamara A. Franklin

Title: AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

CHECK AMOUNT ENCODING AT A POINT-OF-

SALE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the claims in view of the following remarks as set forth below.